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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER		2. DATE
THE TRI COUNTY NEWS		9-30-04
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE wkly with 1 exception 3rd wk of Nov.	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY 51	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE $ 22.17 plus tax in state 25.00 out of state

4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers) 303 West Main Street PO Box 6 Irene SD 57037

5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printers) 303 West Main Street PO Box 6 Irene SD 57037

6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: Lyn Nielson

7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.

FULL NAME	COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS
Lyn Nielson Stanley Nielson	303 West Main Street PO Box 6 Irene SD 57037

8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES (If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form.

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A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)	650	650
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales.	~~299~~ 5	~~253~~ 17
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)	496	434
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 9B1 and 9B2)	501	451
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E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C, D1 and D2)	510	456
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing	140	194
2. Return from News Agents	Ø	Ø
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and F2 – Should equal net press run shown in A)	650	650

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I swear that the statements made by me are true, correct, and complete:

Lyn Nielson
(Signature)

publisher/editor
(Title)

State of South Dakota)
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County of Clay)

Sworn to before me this 13 day of Oct., 2004

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Notary Public

My commission expires: 1-16-07

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